

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF COTTON

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any target has been fixed by the Government to purchase cotton from the cotton growing States;
- (b) if so, the quantity of cotton/bales purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) from each State during the last one year, particularly from Gujarat;
- (c) whether the purchase of cotton was made as per target fixed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (f) the manner in which the Government propose to compensate the farmers whose cotton remain unsold?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) to (f): No target is fixed for purchase of cotton from the cotton growing States. To protect the interests of the cotton growers, Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for kapas (seed cotton). Whenever the market prices of kapas touch the MSP level, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) undertakes support price operation and purchases kapas without any quantitative limit. The quantity of cotton purchased by the CCI during cotton year 2001-02 (Oct.-Sept.), State-wise, is as under: -

In bales of 170 Kg.each

STATE	COMMERCIAL PURCHASE PRICE OPERATION (as on 26.04.2002)	PURCHASE UNDER SUPPORT (as on 26.04.2002)	TOTAL PURCHASE (as on 26.04.2002)
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Punjab	12,570	000	12,570
Haryana	9,459	504	9,963
Rajasthan	23,658	43,775	67,433
Gujarat	12,672	2,21,500	2,34,172
M.P.	1,275	61,611	62,886
A.P.	000	4,64,899	4,64,899
Karnataka	1,445	77,775	79,220
Orissa	795	17,406	18,201
Meghalaya	513	80	593
Tamil Nadu	200	-	200

TOTAL	62,587	8,87,550	9,50,137
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